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A Prayer For Owen Meany Major and Minor Characters

A Prayer For Owen Meany hosts a long list of characters that are essential to enrich the development of the novel's plot and themes as a whole. Distinguishing traits, backstories, and relationships to one another become difficult to keep track of, yet are meaningful to understand for any analysis. Characters below are not necessarily listed in essential order or chronological order of introduction; this list may also not be complete for minor characters.

John Wheelwright, the narrator

Owen Meany

Tabitha Wheelwright

Harriet Wheelwright

Coach Chickering

Chief Pike

Mr. Fish, neighbor

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Sagamore, the dog

Watahantowet, sagamore/chief

Mrs. Walker, Sunday school teacher

Pastor Lewis Merrill

Mrs. Merrill

The Merrill Children (3)

Mr. Meany

Mrs. Meany

Buzzy Walker

Harry Hoyt

Mrs. Hoyt

Dan Needham

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Mrs. Needham, Dan's mother

Lydia

Ethel

Germaine

Aunt Martha (Eastman)

Uncle Alfred Eastman

Hester Eastman, John's cousin

Noah Eastman, John's cousin

Simon Eastman, John's cousin

Archibald Thorndike

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Reverend Dudley Wiggin

Barb Wiggin

Mr. Early

Maureen Early

Mr. Giordano

Randy White

Harold Crosby

Mary Beth Baird

Canon Campbell

Ginger Brinker-Smith

Dick Jarvits

Graham McSwiney

Katherine Keeling

Canon Mackie

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Larry Lish

Mitzy Lish

Major Rawls

Dr. Dolder

“The Lady in Red”